



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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November 8, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE ACQUISITION OF A CATERPILLAR D8T TRACK TYPE TRACTOR (DOZER) (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Approve the Fire Protection District's request to proceed with acquisition of a Caterpillar D8T Track Type Tractor (Dozer). The Dozer and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$735,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board, and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This acquisition would increase the Department's current fleet of dual occupancy enclosed cab fire dozers to a total of five (5). The five dozers would enable coverage of the five primary dozer standby locations with enclosed cab dozers. The enclosed cab fire dozers have proven to be invaluable providing increased operator/swamper safety and protection. Additionally, due to the intrinsic quality of the enclosed cab, firefighting personnel are able

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to safely expand the envelope of fire suppression capabilities. This expansion encompasses not only wildland incidents, but also a number of previously undesirable and potentially harmful applications such as rubbish and/or green waste dump fires and industrial waste/structure overhauls. The enclosed cab dozer incorporates the Fire Tracks® Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) tracking system that greatly improves dozer activity tracking, incident planning and fiscal reimbursement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Goal #2, Workplace Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the Dozer is approximately \$735,000. The District's Adopted 2005-06 Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase and maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will expand the District's wildland firefighting capabilities.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, California 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Chief, Materials Management Division
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, California 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors